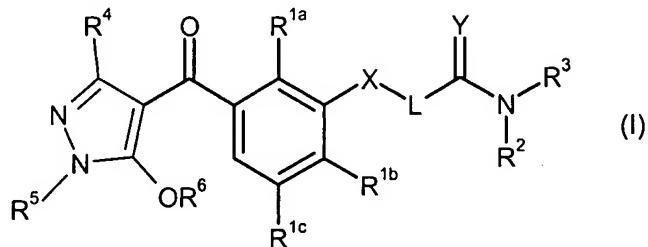


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A compound of the formula (I) or salt thereof



in which the radical and the indices have the following definitions:

X is O, S(O)<sub>n</sub>, N-H or N-R<sup>2</sup>;

L is CH a straight chain or branched (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkylene, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkenylene or (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkynylene chain substituted by w radicals from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, and nitro and by v radicals R<sup>2</sup>;

Y is oxygen or sulfur;

R<sup>1a</sup>, R<sup>1b</sup>, R<sup>1c</sup> independently are each hydrogen, mercapto, nitro, halogen, cyano, thiocyanato,

(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-CO-O, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>-O, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-haloalkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>)-cycloalkyl-S(O)<sub>m</sub>, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-N-SO<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-NH, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-NH-CO, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-N-CO, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-[(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl]amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-CO-[(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl]amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-O-CH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-S(O)<sub>n</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>, 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl, 1,2,4-triazol-1-yl-CH<sub>2</sub>,

or are each (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkenyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkynyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>,

(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen;

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> independently are each hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkenyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkenyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkynyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkynyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkenyl, straight chain or branched [O-C(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>w</sub>[O-C(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>x</sub>-R<sup>6</sup>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-aryl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkenyl-aryl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkynyl-aryl, straight chain or branched [O-C(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>w</sub>[O-C(R<sup>6</sup>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>x</sub>-aryl, the last 16 of the abovementioned radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro and halogen, or are each aryl, heterocycl or heteroaryl each substituted by v radicals consisting of the group of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a pyrrole ring 5-or-6 membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>;

or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzopyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>;

R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-haloalkyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-cycloalkyl or (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>)-halocycloalkyl;

$R^5$  is  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,  $(C_3-C_9)$ -cycloalkyl,  $(C_3-C_9)$ -halo-cycloalkyl, or is phenyl substituted by  $v$  radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl, halo- $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy and halo- $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy;

$R^6$  is hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylcarbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxycarbonyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxycarbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylaminocarbonyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylaminocarbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -dialkylaminocarbonyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -dialkylaminocarbonyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylsulfonyl, halo- $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkylsulfonyl, or is benzyl, benzoyl, benzoylmethyl, phenoxy carbonyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by  $v$  radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl, halo- $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy and halo- $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy;

$m$  is 1 or 2;

$n$  is 0, 1 or 2;

$p$  is 0 or 1;

$v$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

$w$  and  $x$  independently are each 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;  
 $w$  and  $x$  should not both be zero at the same time.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~Y is oxygen~~ and  $R^{1c}$  is hydrogen.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~X is O or S(O)<sub>n</sub>~~,

$R^{1a}$ ,  $R^{1b}$  independently are each F, Cl, Br, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>S, CH<sub>3</sub>O, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>,

CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>, cyclopropyl-SO<sub>2</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub> or NO<sub>2</sub>;

~~R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> independently are each hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkenyl, (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkynyl, (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>) cycloalkyl, (C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>9</sub>) cycloalkyl, the last 5 radicals being substituted~~

by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, and halogen, or are aryl or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl aryl, the last 2 radicals being substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>, or R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a 5- or 6-membered saturated, partly unsaturated or fully unsaturated ring which contains n heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen and nitrogen and is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>,

or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of benzothiazole, benzoxazole, benzopyrazole and benzopyrrole which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of cyano, nitro, halogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub> and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl-(Y)<sub>p</sub>.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> independently are each hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl,

or

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> together with the nitrogen atom linking them form a ring from the group consisting of morpholine, pyrrolidine, piperidine, pyrrole, pyrazole and 2,3-dihydroindole; R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen, methyl or cyclopropyl.

Claim 7 (original): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylcarbonyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylsulfonyl, or is benzoyl or phenylsulfonyl each of which is substituted by v radicals from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy and halo-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>)-alkoxy.

Claim 8 (Currently amended): A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein

~~L~~ is  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)\text{H}$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ;

$\text{R}^{1a}$ ,  $\text{R}^{1b}$  independently are each Cl, Br, NO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub> or C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>; and

$\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  are each hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>) alkyl;

$\text{R}^5$  is methyl or ethyl.

Claim 9 (original): A herbicidal composition comprising a herbicidally effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 10 (original): A herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 in a mixture with formulating auxiliaries.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying an effective amount of at least one compound of the general formula (I) as claimed in claim 1 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein the unwanted plants are in crops of useful plants.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the useful plants are transgenic.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 9 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A method of controlling unwanted plants, which comprises applying the herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 10 to the plants or to the site of the unwanted plant growth.